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Hear stories from five readers including Chicago Writers Conference founder Mare Swallow and crime novelist Lori Rader-Day at the monthly Andersonville series. 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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1439 W. Jarvis Ave. 773-340-0140
The Rogers Park theater celebrates its 16th anniversary by presenting 16 world-premiere, 10-minute plays each set in a different year. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Tickets: **thesideproject.net**

SECRETS, LIES AND ALIBIS

Elbo Room

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The monthly show combines stand-up, sketch and musical comedy based on anonymous secrets from the audience. 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$5 suggested donation.



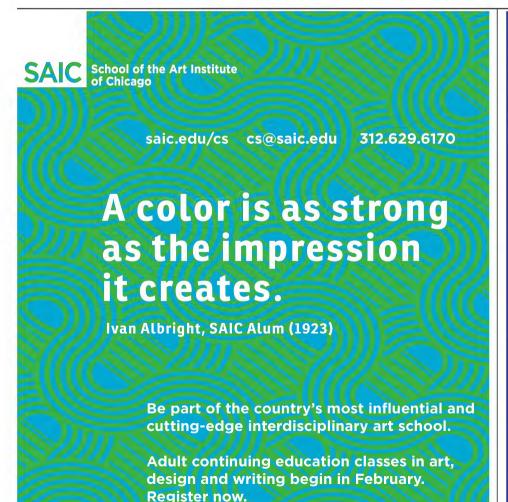






HAPPY HOUR OF THE DAY

Club Lucky (1824 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-2300) serves \$7 martinis made with premium spirits in the lounge from 5-9 p.m.







CHICAGO PLACED AS THIRD MOST-SEGREGATED CITY IN NATION

By Lolly Bowean | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago is the third most-segregated large city in the nation, even as some of Chicago's neighborhoods have become more racially diverse, an analysis based on new census data shows.

In fact, racial segregation in Chicago neighborhoods has declined as more African-Americans have opted to move to the suburbs and more whites and Latinos have moved into historically black communities, the analysis shows.

"In both slow-growing places like Chicago and fast-growing places like Atlanta, there is a decline of blacks in the city and an increase of blacks in the suburbs," said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution who analyzed the data. "What did the average neighborhood look like for a black person in 2014? It was a little less black. There were a few more whites there and a few more Hispanics."

Most people here live in neighborhoods that have a little more diversity then they did a decade ago, according to Frey's research, which looks at the Chicago region along with some outlying suburbs.

Milwaukee ranks highest on the list of most-segregated large cities, and New York City ranks second, Frey's data show. Chicago's

third-place ranking means 76 percent of the city's African-American population would have to move in order to achieve complete integration, the research shows.

A decade ago, the South Loop neighborhood was majority African-American, said Rob Paral, a Chicago-based demographer. Now it's more diverse.

"If you look block by block, you might see the same segregation trends," Paral said of Chicago. "When I think of Cabrini Green, that would be an area that is conceivably more integrated. Or look at the Oakland area—as the black population moves on from there, the white population is moving in. There's also Kenwood, another neighborhood that was solidly black that is now more integrated."

The new research comes as many large metro cities are grappling with racial tensions and the long-term effects of segregation, such as the inequitable disbursement of public resources and public schools whose student bodies aren't diverse.

"There is a long tradition of segregation in Chicago, and it's only slowly eroding. The social science studies show that often African-Americans only look for housing in neighbor-

CHICAGO SEGREGATION

- » Chicago's population: 2.7 million
- » Chicago was once the country's second most-segregated city.
- » The average white resident in the Chicago area now lives in a neighborhood that is 71.5 percent white. That figure is down from nearly 78 percent in 2000.
- » The average black resident lives in a neighborhood that is 64 percent black. That figure is down from 72 percent in 2000.
- » Greater numbers of African-Americans are moving into suburban areas—not just in Chicago but all over the country.

SOURCES: BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

hoods that are African-American, and whites only look to own in neighborhoods that are white," said Dick Simpson, a professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a former Chicago alderman. "It has become deeper than past laws. It has affected the psychology and what individuals seek as a comfortable community."

"The level of segregation in Chicago and the region is still scandalous," Simpson said. "Being the most-segregated city is a title we've had for, unfortunately, decades. We are doing better, but we are not doing better fast enough."

CHICAGO STILL VERY SEGREGATED. YET LESS

The graphs below show the racial profiles of the neighborhoods where the average white black, Asian and Hispanic residents live in Chicago, New York City and Los Angeles.

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2000	76.2%	5.1%	6.5%	10.2%	2.0%		
2010-14	70.3%	5.5%	8.7%	13.6%	1.9%		
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2000	58.4%	3.7%	11.6%	22.6%	3.6%		
2010-14	53.1%	3.6%	14.3%	25.3%	3.7%		
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2010-14	19.0%	64.4%	2.4%	12.5%	1.6%		
CHANGE	+2.4% PRK CITY	-7.7%	+0.9%	+4.2%	+0.2%		
2000	16.5%	55.2%	3.4%	21.4%	3.5%		
2010-14	16.7%	50.7%	5.2%	24.9%	2.6%		
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2010-14	17.1%	21.2%	8.4%	44.0%	3.3%
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2000	49.0%	7.9%	21.4%	18.1%	3.7%
2010-14	41.6%	8.1%	28.2%	19.3%	2.9%
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2010-14	37.0%	9.9%	4.370	47.170	1.3%
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2000	28.9%	18.7%	6.8%	42.3%	3.3%
2010-14	28.4%	17.0%	8.4%	44.0%	2.3%
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CHANGE	-0.5%	-1.7%	+1.6%	+1.7%	-1.0%

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CTA New Year's wishes: Goodbye stink, hello speed



TRANSIT DIARIES Rianne Coale

@RianneCoale

Goodbye stink, hello faster train and bus service. As the countdown began to 2016, I chatted up public transit experts and critics, and those were some of their hopes for the CTA in the new year.

John Greenfield, editor of Streetsblog Chicago and transportation columnist

for the Chicago Reader, said he's looking forward to seeing speedier service along the new downtown express bus route known as Loop Link.

"The entire trip I took from Canal to Michigan, traveling a distance of .8 miles, was 16 minutes," he said. "I think that's largely due to the bus drivers being required to go no faster than 3 mph past the platforms. I'm optimistic that as bus drivers and other road users get used to the new system, speeds will improve."

The CTA says overall performance has been smooth.

"Like at *all* bus stops across the city, operators are instructed to approach the Loop Link stations at minimal speeds," CTA spokeswoman Catherine Hosinski wrote in an email.

We all wish CTA improvements and expansion could happen overnight, but in some cases that requires some serious coin. The CTA just doesn't have adequate state funds to invest in major expansions and improvements in 2016, said Stephen Schlickman, executive director of the Urban Transportation Center at University of Illinois at Chicago.

"The challenge that we face in Chicago is that we have one of the oldest transit rail systems in the country and we have not been maintaining it the way we could if we had sufficient funds for it," Schlickman said.

"Investments like Loop Link are good, but in terms of major improvements like building a new rail line, we still don't have the financial means to do that," Schlickman said. "The

finances are really only sufficient enough to fund the renewal of existing services."

On a lighter note, Ryan Smith, creator of the popular Twitter account @CTAFails, is optimistic that public transit will get a lot less smelly in 2016.

"As a regular passenger on the Red Line, I know how it feels to walk nose-first into an aroma of fresh (and stale) urine, spilled coffee, B.O., and weed," Smith said in an email. "There's an opportunity for the Febrezes and Glades of the world to be the subway stars of 2016."

What else can be done to improve public transit this year? Smith aired his frustrations toward train traffic.

"Several times each month I have the privilege of hearing, 'Sorry for the delay, we have a blockade of trains.' This is the CTA's latest explanation for high train traffic and why you'll be late for work," Smith said.

"How can there be high train traffic? Did every CTA passenger decide to drive their own train to work that day? I assume someone at CTA headquarters creates a schedule and then the trains move at regular intervals down the track. ... At what point does this all go wrong?"

"For 2016, let's start by scrapping the phrase 'blockade of trains,' and figure out why it's occurring and maybe even fix it," Smith said.

The same is true for bus bunching, he said.

The CTA's bigger projects include replacing aging track on stretches of the Green Line, and 125 new buses will be rolled out in the coming months. But a lot of projects will be continuations from 2015 and before—think reconstruction of the Blue Line stations. And the proposal to extend the Red Line from 95th Street to 130th will just be a discussion point this year.

So things won't look drastically different on the CTA by year's end, but baby steps are better than none.

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S DOF ADRIAN AMOS,

BEARSQuietly, the rookie safety played every game for the Bears this season.
Given all the injuries that befell the team and the experimentation coach John Fox implemented, that's a minor miracle. His 67 tackles and one sack this season were solid, and next year he'll be expected to grab a handful of interceptions. —**CHRISSOSA**



CARSON FULMER, WHITE SOX

In quickly promoting Chris Sale and Carlos Rodon to the majors, the Sox have shown no hesitation to bring up top draft picks from the year before if they believe they can help the team. Enter Carson Fulmer. The 2015 National College Pitcher of the Year is from the same Florida town as staff ace Sale. Translation: A righthanded power arm who could help the Sox "sail" away from mediocrity in 2016.



TODD FRAZIER, WHITE SOX

A two-time NL All-Star who hit 64 homers the past two seasons and was a Gold Glove candidate at third base last year should not be on a breakout list, right? WRONG! Remember, Adam Dunn and Adam LaRoche also were proven National League sluggers. Given the Sox's history here, most fans would likely agree that Frazier merely achieving his career norms would be considered a breakout. —soxman



ALEX AVILA, WHITE SOX

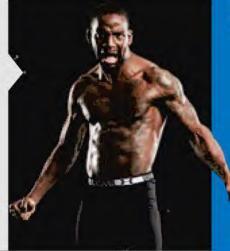
Despite having a batting average 48 points lower than former Sox catcher Tyler Flowers in 2015, Avila's on-base percentage was 44 points higher. If Avila hits higher than Flower's career .223 average and avoids hitting into too many gameending double plays, Sox fans would consider that a breakout. -soxman

HER KIRAR

TYRONE HENDERSON, MMA

He flew under the radar in 2015, but if he continues to finish fights the way he has, that will change in 2016. Henderson, a Chicago native, fights for Road FC, which is based in South Korea. He has had three impressive fight finishes, which have hard-core MMA fans clamoring for more. If he continues to dominate, the UFC could look to bring him into its featherweight division.

—TED GRUBER



CHEYENNE PARKER, SKY

Despite a disappointing playoff finish for the Sky, the team is led by league MVP Elena Delle Donne and features an ultra-talented backcourt. Which gives Parker, who will be in her second season in 2016, a perfect opportunity to sneak up on opponents and be a force in the frontcourt. Keep an eye on her minutes, for starters; she averaged 9.3 per game last season and will need to earn coach Pokey Chatman's trust to boost all her stats. —CHRISSOSA



TREVOR CAHILL, CUBS

Cahill signed with the Cubs in August after getting cut by Atlanta and proved clutch down the stretch, posting a 22-to-5 strikeout-to-walk ratio and a 2.12 ERA in 11 relief appearances. It was enough to earn him a spot on the postseason rosters. He's back on a one-year deal and is capable of starting. You can never have too many reliable bullpen arms, and Cahill's 2015 performance should give manager Joe Maddon peace of mind about his relievers heading into next season. —MATTLINDNER



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CLAY GUIDA, MMA

The past year was a roller-coaster ride for Guida, and he's looking to shake the effects and get back on solid ground. But he's never afraid to take a risk in the UFC Octagon, and the upcoming year could lead to more riches than rags. Guida, who trains in Crest Hill, Ill., bases himself with his abnormal pace and precision, and that will be the big focus on him getting back on the win streak he is accustomed too.

—TED GRUBER



AVISAIL GARCÍA, WHITE SOX

His first season with the White Sox was cut short by injury, and his second left Sox fans questioning if his long-ball power applied only in batting practice. Entering his second full year in the majors, no player is more poised for a breakout. With the arrival of Todd Frazier and Brett Lawrie, the expectations to be a middle-of-the-order impact bat should be off, allowing Garcia to blossom into the player Sox fans believe he can be—if he isn't traded first.—SOXMAN



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JEREMY LANGFORD, BEARS

The rookie running back has already kinda sorta broken out, but even if Matt Forte comes back, 2016 will be the year Langford makes fantasy owners take notice. (Because fantasy over everything, right?) Figure he'll double his rushing total and crack the 1,000-yard barrier. —CHRIS SOSA



ADDISON RUSSELL, CUBS

Shortstop Addison Russell was the prize in what could be one of the most lopsided trades in Cubs history, coming over from Oakland in 2014 in exchange for Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel. Russell was a force in the field, making jaw-dropping plays to keep the Cubs in games. He struggled at the plate as a rookie, hitting .242 with 13 home runs and 54 RBIs. But here's the thing: He's also only 21. He's going to be better with the bat than he was in his rookie campaign.



Kyle Schwarber is already a legend for his monster home run in Game 4 of the 2015 NLDS against St. Louis. The thought of a full season of a lineup featuring Schwarber, Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant will keep Cubs fans warm on the coldest winter days. In just 69 regular-season games in 2015, Schwarber hit 16 homers. Sure, his defense is suspect, but when you can swing a bat like he can, there are things fans can overlook.—MATT LINDNER



FELICE HERRIG, MMA

After a trying year during which she faced personal issues that affected her UFC career, 2016 will be a breakout year for the Buffalo Grove native. Herrig has recovered and is in a better place mentally while still being one of the best notable females on the roster. Her next fight should show "Lil Bulldog" is back to her winning ways. —TED GRUBER



BOBBY PORTIS, BULLS

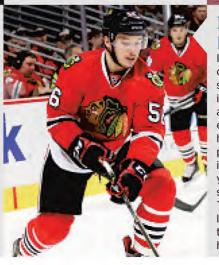
On a team with aging and oft-in-jured big men, 2016 sets up wonderfully for the Bulls' latest first-round draft pick. That goes double if any veterans are traded, say for Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins. Many pundits rave about Portis' skill set, and he should have ample opportunities to make an impact.



CLAYTON RICHARD, CUBS

Former White Sox farmhand Clayton Richard proved to be one of the Cubs' more valuable under-the-radar acquisitions in 2015 after the Cubs bought his contract in July from the Pirates, thriving out of the bullpen and in three spot starts. In six postseason appearances, he yielded only three hits and no runs. The Royals have shown that a strong bullpen can take you to the promised land, and Richard figures to be a key cog in next year's Cubs' relief corps.

—MATTLINDNER



MARKO DANO, BLACKHAWKS

It's somewhat surprising that the center hasn't found his footing considering he opened the season playing on a line with Jonathan Toews and Marian Hossa. Clearly the team expects brilliance from him, and he has other NHL experience after playing 35 games with Columbus in 2014-15. That said, he's only 21 years old, and his time in the minors should do him good. Remember, Teuvo Teravainen had a decent learning curve before he recently teamed up with Toews and Hossa himself. —CHRIS SOSA

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9 CHICAGO-THEMED PILLOWS TO COZY UP YOUR HOME

By Morgan Olsen | REDEYE

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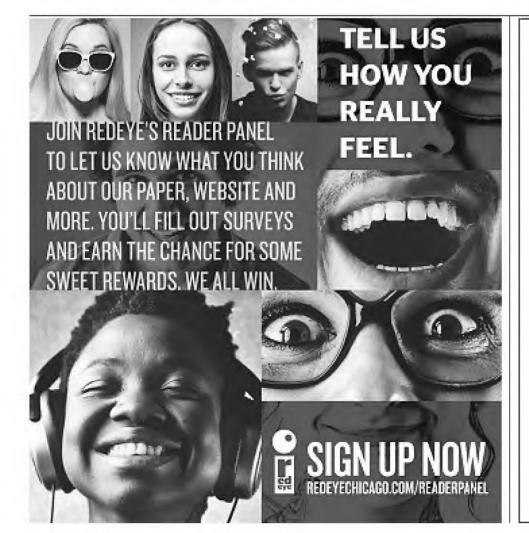
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newed for another three years, keeping the daytime show on the air through the 2019-20 season. According to variety.com. Warner Bros. Domestic TV Distribution TV president Ken Werner sald, "Day in and day out Ellen delivers the best show on television. Ellen and her team produce a completely unique and exciting hour, which is appointment television for viewers every-

where." Hell, yeah.

HOT DATE

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ICYMI, Anne Hathaway is pregnant

Did we know this? We forget. Too many things happen. But yeah, Hathaway is very pregnant, and she posted a photo of her very pregnant self to Instagram. She wrote, "So, posting a bikini pic is a little out of character for me, but just now while I was at the beach I noticed I was being photographed. I figure if this kind of photo is going to be out in the world it should at least be an image that makes me happy (and be one that was taken with my consent. And with a filter :)" We love it.

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